

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the courteous and complete examination of the application by the Examiner. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, a reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner imposes an election/restriction to Group I, claims 1-16 and Group II, claims 17-20 as they do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

PROVISIONAL ELECTION OF CLAIMS WITH TRAVERSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.143

The Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-16 with traverse, and withdraws claims 17-20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof for possible future rejoinder.

In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, claims 1-16 have been provisionally elected. Claims 1-16 are now in this application.

The Applicant would like to point out that the provisional elected claims 1-16 are related and linked to the withdrawn claims 17-20 in that withdrawn independent claim 17 is directed toward the cutting device stated in elected independent claims 1 and 11. Therefore the restriction is believed to be in error and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof is requested.

With the above amendments being fully responsive to all outstanding rejections and formal requirements, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that there are further issues which might be resolved by means of telephone interview, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at (403) 444-5695, or email at davidguerra@verizon.net.

A one month extension of time fee of \$60.00 is provided.

Respectfully Submitted,



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